

Weekly Status & Information Report:
Week of May 28 - June 1, 2007

1. **Toatley Fraser Park (Ward 5):** Planting of trees and shrubs, funded by Program Open Space, were installed in the park this week. *(Public Works)*
2. **New Trees (Wards 2 & 6):** Tree Planting scheduled for Lincoln & Elm Circle, Auburn & Elm curb extension, and Glenside Circle. *(Public Works)*
3. **Tree Watering (Ward 4):** You may have noticed the brown plastic tubes located at the base of the new trees planted at the City Building and along Maple Avenue. The "ooze tubes" are a recent innovation in drip irrigation for newly planted trees. *(Public Works)*
4. **Jackson Boyd Playground Renovation - Design Phase (Ward 2):** The first planning meeting between the community and the playground design contractor is scheduled for Thursday, June 7 at 7:30 at 349 Boyd Avenue. *(Public Works)*
5. **New Hampshire Avenue Developers Tour (Wards 2, 3 and 6):** HCD Department's Planning staff hosted a tour of the New Hampshire Avenue corridor on Thursday, May 31. The tour, targeted to regional and national developers and financiers, was designed to provide information on the commercial and residential development opportunities available along the corridor. Thirty people representing a variety of firms attended. *(Housing and Community Development Department)*
6. **Video Production (Wards 2, 3 and 6):** The HCD Department, in partnership with Company Bee Productions and the City's Cable staff, spent this week taping local chefs. The production is designed to showcase the foods of a representative sampling of the ethnic restaurants that can be found along the New Hampshire Avenue Corridor. *(Housing and Community Development)*
7. **Crossroads Farmers Market (Ward 6):** The Crossroads Farmers Market will be opening for its first season this coming Wednesday, June 8. The market - located at 7676 New Hampshire Avenue - will be open every Wednesday through November 14 from 3:00 to 7:00 pm and will offer a variety of locally grown vegetables, fruit, herbs, flowers, fresh baked goods and ethnic foods. The Grand Opening celebration is planned for Wednesday, June 20 with the ribbon cutting scheduled for 6:00pm. *(Housing and Community Development)*
8. **June Exhibit and Opening Reception (City-wide):** "Inspired Results" - a collaborative effort featuring the work of 36 local poets and artists - will be on display at the Atrium and Richard Dempsey Memorial Galleries beginning Sunday, June 3. An opening Reception celebrating the exhibit will be held next Friday, June 8, from 7:00 to 9:00pm. The opening reception will feature a performance by poet Anne Becker and cellist Jodi Becker. Violinist and vocalist Cheryl Hurwitz will perform her original compositions. The exhibit, curated by Ms. Stephanie Ney, runs through the month of June. *(Housing and Community Development Department)*
9. **2007 Survival Guide (City Wide):** The 2007 edition of the Takoma Park Survival Guide and Business Directory, a collaborative effort of the City of Takoma Park and the Takoma Park Cooperative Nursery School, was distributed earlier this month to community residents. Additional copies of the publication are available in the Housing and Community Development Department on the third level of the Community Center. The Survival Guide was expanded this year to include additional information about the Community Center, public transportation opportunities, business resources, and pedestrian and bicycling issues. *(Housing and Community Development Department)*

10. Rent Stabilization Ordinance (City-wide): The review of the City's rent stabilization ordinance continues with the Council considering proposed changes to the rent increase process at its May 29 worksession. Additional discussions are anticipated on June 11 and 18 with a public hearing tentatively scheduled for Monday, July 9. Updated information on the Council's review of the ordinance will be posted on the City's website as it becomes available. (*Housing and Community Development*)

11. Meeting of Tenants/Tenant Associations Planned - June 20 (City-wide): The next meeting of already formed tenants associations and tenants interested in forming associations will take place on Wednesday, June 20, from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm at the Takoma Park Community Center. Topics to be discussed will include tenants' concerns about the condominium conversion process and possible changes in the rent stabilization law. Those interested in attending may contact Linda Walker at (301) 891-7222. (*Housing and Community Development*)

12. TV Audio Down: City TV's audio was down for approximately 24 hours starting Tuesday afternoon due to a problem with the fiber transmission equipment. However, because our production equipment was working, the tape and the video archive on the website of Tuesday's Council Meeting have both video and audio. Comcast technicians spent many hours troubleshooting until the problem was solved and were very helpful. (*City TV*)

13. Out to the Ball Game: The Takoma Park Recreation Department's T-Ball clinic will be held on Saturday, June 2nd from 9am - 10:30am at Hodges Field behind the Takoma Park Elementary School. Thirty-two kids have registered and are waiting to learn how to get a base hit, round the bases, and throw someone out at home plate. There is still time to register for our weekly league. (*Recreation*)

14. A Unique Summer: The Recreation Department's unique summer camps, for kids in grades K-8, begin on Monday, June 25th! The variety of activities that are scheduled will provide each camper with a broad range of experiences including arts and crafts, sports and swimming, trips, and a host of performers and entertainers! Don't miss out, register your child for one or all of our sessions. Space is limited and available on a first come first served basis. (*Recreation*)

15. Tremendous Trips: Looking for something exciting to start your summer break? Tremendous Trips offers a different experience every day of the week. Sign up for one trip or pre-register for all of them and get a discount. Monday-Friday, June 18-22. Call (301) 891-7290 for more detailed information. Or go to our website tprecreation.org. (*Recreation*)

16. The Chief & Officers in Meetings: On May 31, Chief Ricucci and Commander Burton, D.C. Metropolitan Police, met with the Safe Takoma Committee to discuss funding associated with this program. Also on the 31st, the Chief attended the Emergency Preparedness Committee meeting. On May 30, Chief Ricucci, Capt. Coursey, Lt. Collington and Lt. Cipperly met with the Director of Security of Montgomery College and took a walking tour of the Takoma Park Campus. The purpose of the tour was to get an idea of the layout of the campus in case a major event were to occur at that location. The Chief and his staff also discussed and recommended some additional security measures that the college could take. (*Police*)

17. Police Recruiting: This week, Chief Ricucci conducted interviews for the positions of Accreditation Manager and Evidence Clerk. Selections will be made for both positions within the next week. (*Police*)

18. New Staff: On May 29, Ms. Katherine Plevy reported for duty as Chief Ricucci's Executive Assistant. Also on this date, Cadet Carla Magnaye reported for duty with our Agency.

She is scheduled to go the Prince George's Municipal Academy on June 18th with Cadet Sam Villegas. *(Police)*

19. **The New CAD:** Today, the Police Department implemented the new call signs and beat assignments in preparation for the new Computer Aided Dispatch System scheduled to go live on July 2. *(Police)*

20. **Traffic Enforcement (Wards 3 & 6):** Officers conducted at least 104 traffic stops this week, 90 of which resulted in written citations. More than half of the stops were made on New Hampshire Avenue, Carroll Avenue, and University Boulevard. *(Police)*